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JUST PRIOR DEPARTURE FOR US, SHAH ASKED GENERAL TOUFANIAN FOR STUDY OF AIR DEFENSES ALONG IRAN'S EASTERN BORDER. STUDY, WHICH SHOULD BE READY ON SHAH'S RETURN JULY 29, IS TO INCLUDE EVALUATION OF IRAN'S RADAR CAPABILITY FROM MASHAD TO GULF AND CAPABILITY OF AIR FIELDS IN AREA TO SERVICE AIR DEFENSE AIRCRAFT. MAAG AIR FORCE SECTION IS ASSISTING IIAF WITH STUDY.

COMMENT: SHAH'S CONCERN AT ALLEGED SOVIET PROVISION OF THE LATEST MODEL FIGHT AIRCRAFT UNOTE TO AFGHANISTAN (REFTEL) APPARENTLY HEIGHTENED SINCE DAUD COUP. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMATION FROM ADDRESSEES THAT MIGHT HELP US PUT THIS MATTER IN BETTER PERSPECTIVE, IF OUR VIEWS ARE ASKED.

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